

following conflicts and crises, after receiving testimony from Anthony J. Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs; Fran Murphy, Deputy Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Health; Claude A. Allen, Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services;

David S. C. Chu, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; and Bruce P. Baughman, Director, Planning and Readiness Division, Readiness, Response and Recovery Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 20 public bills, H.R. 3129–3148; and 2 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 250, and H. Res. 266 were introduced. **Pages H6918–19**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 1408, to safeguard the public from fraud in the financial services industry, to streamline and facilitate the antifraud information-sharing efforts of Federal and State regulators, amended (H. Rept. 107–192, Pt. 2);

H.R. 1552, to extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act through 2006, amended (H. Rept. 107–240);

H.R. 2716, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise, improve, and consolidate provisions of law providing benefits and services for homeless veterans, amended (H. Rept. 107–241, Pt. 1);

H.R. 2792, to amend title 38, United States Code, to authorize the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to make service dogs available to disabled veterans and to make various other improvements in health care benefits provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, amended (H. Rept. 107–242);

H.R. 2481, to improve maritime safety and the quality of life for Coast Guard personnel, amended (H. Rept. 107–243);

H.R. 3008, to reauthorize the trade adjustment assistance program under the Trade Act of 1974 (H. Rept. 107–244);

H.R. 3010, to amend the Trade Act of 1974 to extend the Generalized System of Preferences until December 31, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–245);

Conference report on H.R. Conference report on H.R. 2904, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–246);

H. Res. 267, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2217, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–247); and

H. Res. 268, waiving points of order against the conference report on H.R. 2904, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002 (H. Rept. 107–248). **Page H6918**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Kirk to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H6783**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, His Eminence, Theodore Cardinal McCarrick, Archbishop of Washington. **Page H6789**

Recess: The House recessed at 1:12 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m. **Page H6789**

Private Calendar: Agreed to dispense with the call of the Private Calendar business of Tuesday, Oct. 16. **Page H6789**

Late Report—Military Construction Conference Report: The conferees received permission to have until midnight to file a conference report on H.R. 2904, making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002. **Pages H6789–90, H6831–72**

National Council on the Arts: The Chair announced the Speaker's appointment of Representatives Ballenger and McKeon to the National Council on the Arts. **Page H6790**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

God Bless America: H. Con. Res. 248, expressing the sense of the Congress that public schools may display the words "God Bless America" as an expression of support for the Nation (agreed to by a yeand-nay vote of 404 yeas with 10 voting "present", Roll No. 387); **Pages H6790–92, H6872**

Tribute to the United States-Australia Relationship and Recognizing the 50th Anniversary of the ANZUS Treaty: H. Con. Res. 217, amended, recognizing the historic significance of the fiftieth anniversary of the alliance between Australia and the

United States under the ANZUS Treaty, paying tribute to the United States-Australia relationship, reaffirming the importance of economic and security cooperation between the United States and Australia, and welcoming the state visit by Australian Prime Minister John Howard (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 413 yeas to 1 nays, Roll No. 388). Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H6792–95, H6873**

Assistance to Pakistan: S. 1465, to authorize the President to exercise waivers of foreign assistance restrictions with respect to Pakistan through September 30, 2003—clearing the measure for the President; **Pages H6795–98**

Coral Reef and Coastal Marine Conservation Act of 2001: H.R. 2272, amended, to amend the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 to provide for debt relief to developing countries who take action to protect critical coral reef habitats (agreed to by a yea-and-nay vote of 382 yeas to 32 nays, Roll No. 389); **Pages H6799–H6803, H6873–74**

Internet Tax Nondiscrimination Act: H.R. 1552, amended, to extend the moratorium enacted by the Internet Tax Freedom Act through 2006. Agreed to amend the title; **Pages H6803–08**

Consequences for Juvenile Offenders Act: H.R. 863, amended, to provide grants to ensure increased accountability for juvenile offenders; **Pages H6808–13**

Redaction of Financial Disclosure Statements: H.R. 2336, to make permanent the authority to redact financial disclosure statements of judicial employees and judicial officers; **Pages H6813–14**

Francis Bardonou Post Office, Harlem, Montana: H.R. 2876, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located in Harlem, Montana, as the “Francis Bardonou United States Post Office Building;” **Pages H6823–24**

Earl T. Shinoster Post Office, Decatur, Georgia: H.R. 2261, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2853 Candler Road in Decatur, Georgia, as the “Earl T. Shinoster Post Office;” **Pages H6824–27**

Congressman Julian C. Dixon Post Office, Los Angeles, California: H.R. 2454, amended, to redesignate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 5472 Crenshaw Boulevard in Los Angeles, California, as the “Congressman Julian C. Dixon Post Office Building.” Agreed to amend the title; and **Pages H6827–31**

Homeless Veterans Assistance: H.R. 2716, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to revise, improve, and consolidate provisions of law providing benefits and services for homeless veterans (Representative Smith of New Jersey asked unani-

mous consent to vacate the earlier ordering of the yeas and nays on the motion to suspend the rules. Subsequently, the motion was agreed to by voice vote). **Pages H6814–23**

Recess: The House recessed at 5:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:33 p.m. **Page H6831**

Order of Business: Agreed that it be in order on Wednesday, October 17 for the Speaker to entertain a motion to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 3004, Financial Anti-Terrorism Act of 2001, with an amendment placed at the desk. **Pages H6902–15**

Senate messages: Messages received today from the Senate appear on page 6783.

Referrals: S. 1447 was held at the desk.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H6872, H6873, H6873–74. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:59 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND ASSISTANCE TO WORKERS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Held a hearing on Economic Recovery and Assistance to Workers. Testimony was heard from Elaine L. Chao, Secretary of Labor.

WELFARE REFORM

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Subcommittee on the 21st Century Workforce held a hearing on Welfare Reform: Success in Moving Toward Work. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

HEALTH CARE INFLATION—IMPACT ON THE FEHBP

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Civil Service and Agency Organization held a hearing on “Health Care Inflation and Its Impact on the FEHBP.” Testimony was heard from William E. Flynn III, Associate Director, Retirement and Insurance Services, OPM; Lawrence Mirel, Commissioner, Department of Insurance and Securities Regulation, District of Columbia; former Representative Tom A. Coburn, M.D., State of Oklahoma; and public witnesses.

NATURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE AND CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Energy Policy, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs held a hearing on “Natural Gas Infrastructure